

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 6, 11 and 16 are independent claims.

**Specification**

The specification has been amended at page 1 to insert a cross reference to related applications. Additionally, other minor editorial changes have been made at pages 1 and 10.

**Conclusion**

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Richard J. McGrath (Reg. No. 29,195) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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